

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicants: **Kaszuba, et al.**

Case: **8306/DSM/BCVD/JW**

Serial No.: **10/775,769**

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Examiner: **Dhingra, Rakesh Kumar**

Group Art Unit: **1763**

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Title: **APPARATUS FOR REDUCING ENTRAPMENT OF FOREIGN MATTER  
ALONG A MOVEABLE SHAFT OF A SUBSTRATE SUPPORT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 18, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 18, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.